AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

- 1-9. (Cancelled).
- 10. (Currently amended) A metathesis catalyst which includes comprising a phosphorus containing ligand which is a heterocyclic organic compound in the form of a phosphabicycloalkane with a ligating phosphorus atom as an atom in the heterocyclic ring structure of the heterocyclic organic compound.
 - 11. (Currently amended) A compound of formula 3:

$$X_1$$
 X_2
 X_2
 X_2
 X_3
 X_4
 X_5
 X_6
 X_7
 X_8
 X_8
 X_8
 X_8
 X_8
 X_8
 X_8
 X_9
 X_9

wherein

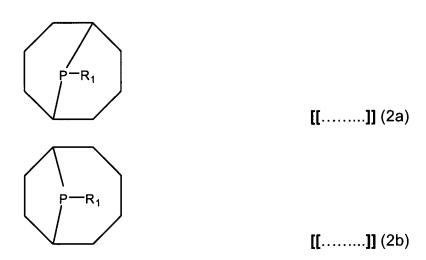
L₁ is a neutral electron donor ligand;

L₂ is a phosphorous containing ligand in the form of a heterocyclic organic compound in the form of a phosphabicycloalkane with a ligating phosphorus atom as an atom in the heterocyclic ring structure of the heterocyclic organic compound;

 X_1 and X_2 are independently selected from an anionic ligand; and R' and R" are independently selected from H [[and]] or an organyl.

12. (Original) The compound of claim 11 which is a homogeneous metathesis catalyst.

- 13. (Currently amended) The compound of either one of claims claim 11 or 12 wherein L_1 is the same as L_2 .
- 14. (Currently amended) The compound of any one of claims claim 11 to 13 wherein the phosphorus containing ligand of L₂ comprises a phosphine ligand.
- 15. (Original) The compound of claim 14 wherein L_2 is a 9-phosphabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane, of formula 2a, or a 9-phosphacicyclo[4.2.1] nonane of formula 2b or mixtures thereof:



wherein R₁ is H or an organyl.

- 16. (Original) The compound of claim 15 wherein R_1 is $-C_{20}H_{41}$.
- 17. (Original) The compound of claim 15 wherein R_1 is cyclohexyl.
- 18. (Currently amended) The compound of any one of claims claim 11 to 17 wherein X_1 and X_2 are each independently selected from \underline{a} halide.
- 19. (Currently amended) The compound of claim 11 which is a compound of formula 7.

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
CI & \downarrow \\
Ru & \downarrow \\
CI & \downarrow \\
L_2 & \downarrow \\
Ph & \downarrow \\
\end{array}$$
[[.....]] (7)

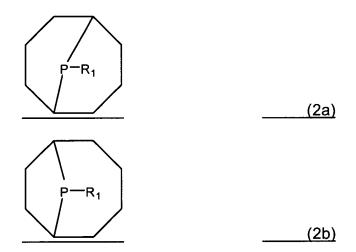
wherein L₂ is the same or different and is as defined in claim 11.

20. (Currently amended) The compound of claim 11 which is a compound of formula 8

$$CI$$
 CI
 CH_3
 CH_3

wherein L₂ is the same or different and is as defined in claim 11.

21. (Currently amended) The compound of either one of claims claim 19 or 20 wherein L₂ is as defined in claim 15 a 9-phosphabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane, of formula 2a, or a 9-phosphabicyclo[4.2.1] nonane of formula 2b or mixtures thereof:



wherein R₁ is H or an organyl.

22-23. (Cancelled).

24. (Currently amended) A catalysed metathesis reaction wherein comprising subjecting at least one olefinic compound is subjected to metathesis in the presence of a compound of claim 3 formula 3:

$$X_1$$
 X_2
 X_2
 X_2
 X_3
 X_4
 X_4
 X_5
 X_6
 X_7
 X_8
 X_8

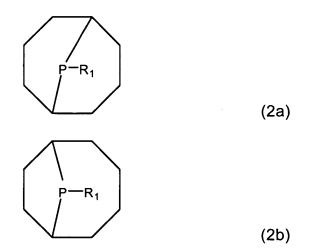
wherein

L₁ is a neutral electron donor ligand;

L₂ is a phosphorous containing ligand in the form of a heterocyclic organic compound in the form of a phosphabicycloalkane with a ligating phosphorus atom as an atom in the heterocyclic ring structure of the heterocyclic organic compound;

 X_1 and X_2 are independently selected from an anionic ligand; and R' and R' are independently selected from H [[and]] or an organyl.

- 25. (Currently amended) The <u>catalysed metathesis</u> reaction of claim 24 wherein the compound of claim 11 formula 3 is formed in situ.
 - 26. (Cancelled).
- 27. (New) the compound of claim 20 wherein L₂ is a 9-phosphabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane, of formula 2a, or a 9-phosphabicyclo[4.2.1] nonane of formula 2b or mixtures thereof:



wherein R₁ is H or an organyl.

- 28. (New) A catalysed metathesis reaction comprising subjecting at least one olefinic compound to metathesis in the presence of a metathesis catalyst comprising a phosphorus containing ligand which is a heterocyclic organic compound in the form of a phosphabicycloalkane with a ligating phosphorous atom as an atom in the heterocyclic ring structure of the heterocyclic organic compound.
- 29. (New) The catalysed metathesis reaction of claim 24 or 28, wherein the metathesis reaction is a homogeneous metathesis reaction selected from the group consisting of cross-metathesis, ring-opening metathesis polymerization and ring closing metathesis.